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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A hand-held scrubbing device for cleaning a surface, the hand-held scrubbing device comprising a waterproof casing comprising:
 - A. an interior area comprising:
 - i. an electromechanical motor; and
 - ii. a battery in electrical communication with the electromechanical motor; and
 - B. an exterior area comprising a scrubbing surface comprising a nonwoven material impregnated with a cleaning composition, the scrubbing surface being at least indirectly removably mechanically linked with the electromechanical motor,wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action to the scrubbing surface, and the scrubbing surface is exposed to the external environment when the scrubbing device is in use, and further, wherein a vibration buffer is located between said scrubbing surface and said electromechanical motor.
2. (Original) The hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1, wherein the battery is a rechargeable battery, wherein at least a portion of the waterproof casing removably rests in a recharging stand when not in use, and wherein when removably resting in the recharging stand, the rechargeable battery is recharged.
3. (Original) The hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1, further comprising a pivoting portion, the scrubbing surface being joined to the pivoting portion.
4. (Original) The hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1, wherein the waterproof casing further comprises a faucet connection, and a rinsing orifice joined to the faucet connection.
5. (Original) A method for cleaning an item comprising the steps of:
 - A. providing the hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1; and
 - B. contacting the item with the scrubbing surface so as to clean the item.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the item is a hard surface item.

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7. (Currently amended) A kit for cleaning comprising:
- A. hand-held scrubbing device for cleaning a surface, the hand-held scrubbing device comprising a waterproof casing comprising:
 - i. an interior area comprising:
 - a. an electromechanical motor; and
 - b. a battery in electrical communication with the electromechanical motor; and
 - ii. an exterior area,wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action to a scrubbing surface; and
 - B. a scrubbing surface comprising a nonwoven material impregnated with a cleaning composition, the scrubbing surface being designed to be at least indirectly removably mechanically linked with the electromechanical motor, wherein the scrubbing surface is exposed to the external environment when the scrubbing device is in use, and further, wherein a vibration buffer is located between said scrubbing surface and said electromechanical motor.
8. (Original) The kit of Claim 7, wherein the cleaning composition is a hard surface cleaning composition.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously presented) The hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1 wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action with a reciprocating action having a frequency of from about 0.5 hertz to about 300 hertz.
13. (Previously presented) The hand-held scrubbing device of Claim 1 wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action with a reciprocating action having a frequency of from about 1 hertz to about 40 hertz.

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14. (Currently amended) A hand-held scrubbing device for cleaning a surface, the hand-held scrubbing device comprising a waterproof casing comprising:
- A. an interior area comprising:
 - i. an electromechanical motor; and
 - ii. a battery in electrical communication with the electromechanical motor; and
 - B. an exterior area comprising a scrubbing surface comprising a nonwoven material, the scrubbing surface being at least indirectly removably mechanically linked with the electromechanical motor,
- wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action to the scrubbing surface, and the scrubbing surface is exposed to the external environment when the scrubbing device is in use, and further, wherein a vibration buffer is located between said scrubbing surface and said electromechanical motor.
15. (Currently amended) A kit for cleaning comprising:
- A. hand-held scrubbing device for cleaning a surface, the hand-held scrubbing device comprising a waterproof casing comprising:
 - i. an interior area comprising:
 - a. an electromechanical motor; and
 - b. a battery in electrical communication with the electromechanical motor; and
 - ii. an exterior area,wherein the electromechanical motor provides a mechanical action to a scrubbing surface, and further, wherein a vibration buffer is located between said scrubbing surface and said electromechanical motor; and
 - B. at least two different types of interchangeable scrubbing surfaces each of which is impregnated with a cleaning composition, said scrubbing surfaces being designed to be at least indirectly removably and interchangeably mechanically linked with the electromechanical motor.
16. (Previously presented) The kit of Claim 15 wherein at least one of said interchangeable scrubbing surfaces comprises a nonwoven material.

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17. (Previously presented) The kit of Claim 15 wherein said interchangeable scrubbing surfaces differ in hardness, texture, or both.
18. (Previously presented) The kit of Claim 15 wherein said interchangeable scrubbing surfaces differ in the type of cleaning composition with which they are impregnated.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Cancelled)